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REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application and for the indication that claims 21, 25, 34, 37, 38, and 41 contain allowable subject matter.

To expedite prosecution, independent claim 11 is amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 21 and intervening claim 13, which are cancelled. Independent claim 23 is amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 25, which is cancelled. Independent claim 31 is amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 34, which is cancelled. Claim 37 is rewritten in independent form. Claim 39 is amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 41, which is cancelled.

In addition, claims 27-29 and 42 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants plan to file a continuing application directed to the subject matter of these claims.

Accordingly, claims 11, 12, 14-20, 23, 24, 26, 31-33, and 35-39 are pending, and all of these claims recite allowable subject matter. The previous rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) based on Slettengren (U.S. 2002-0028674) and Rautila et al. (U.S. 6,549,625) are moot.

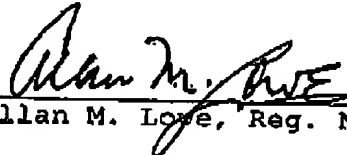
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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, favorable reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested and deemed in order.

Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time in which to file this reply. Please charge the required fee of \$110 to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. If in error, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any omitted required fees, including application processing, extension, and extra claims fees, to Deposit Account 08-2025.

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